

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment the claims in the application remain claims 1-16, of which claims 1, 3, 4 and 7 are independent.

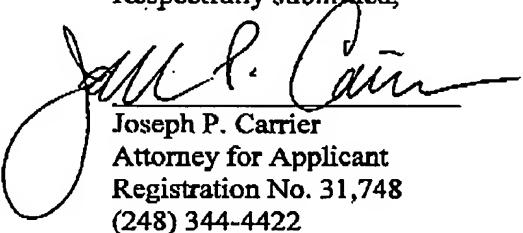
Claim 3 is amended above to delete an extraneous term "wherein" that was inadvertently introduced in Amendment-B.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendment is fully supported by the original application. Applicant also respectfully submits that the above amendment does not introduce any new matter into the application.

Still further, applicant respectfully submits that the above amendment should be entered pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312 because it simply removes an unnecessary – redundant term from the claim.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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